CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is different from a first node;

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

restoring an original view of the hierarchy.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

selecting a third node in the hierarchy, wherein the third node is different from the first node and the second node; and

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the third node is the root node.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

restoring a previous view of the hierarchy.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

7. A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is different from a first node;

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node;

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node; and

wherein the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources; and

wherein the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

restoring an original view of the hierarchy.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

selecting a third node in the hierarchy, wherein the third node is different from the first node and the second node; and

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the third node is the root node.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

restoring a previous view of the hierarchy.

11. An interactive tool for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

means for selecting a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node;

a graphical user interface (GUI) for providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein:

the GUI can restore an original view of the hierarchy.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein:

if a second node in the hierarchy is selected, the GUI can provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node; and

wherein the second node is a child of the first node.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein:

the GUI can restore a previous view of the hierarchy.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

16. The method of claim 11 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

17. A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

select a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node;

provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

restore an original view of the hierarchy.

19. The method of claim 17, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

select a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is a child of the first node; and

provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

restore a previous view of the hierarchy.

21. The method of claim 17 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

22. The method of claim 17 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

23. A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium, comprising:

a code segment including instructions to select a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node;

a code segment including instructions to provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes can invoke a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node.